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## *News Release*

### UD PROFESSOR FLOCKERZIE TO EXAMINE 'PICKING UP THE PIECES' AFTER REVOLUTION

DAYTON, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1989--Lawrence J. Flockerzie, assistant professor of history at the University of Dayton, will address the political situation in France immediately following the French Revolution at the Patterson Homestead, 1815 Brown St., on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.

"Picking Up The Pieces: The Conservative Alternative to the French Revolution" will examine the reign of Louis XVIII. As he came to power following 25 years of upheaval in his country, "his choices were to restore the old order and punish the revolutionaries or to embrace the ideals of the revolution," said Flockerzie. "He chose the middle ground. Louis XVIII took the best of the revolution, such as equality before the law and the idea of elections, but he also kept some elements of the old regime in that he served as a God-appointed king and he worked for the nobles who had lost their land in the revolution.

"He was a man of the middle," said Flockerzie. "But he was surrounded by extremists on all sides. He was in danger constantly."

The presentation, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Montgomery County Historical Society. It is part of a Dayton-area celebration of the bicentennial of the French Revolution in 1789.